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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to read the same as Claim 20 presented in applicant's submission of March 31st, 2005 which applicant believed was in accordance with the regulations in place at that time.

To be sure that it is clear how the now presented and amended Claim 1 reads, it is reproduced below without the underline and strike outs. It reads as follows:

1. First and second one piece integrally molded area circumscribing frame members that fit against one another to form a support frame circumscribing an area therewithin and defining an article retaining channel between said first and second frame members, said channel opening into said area circumscribed by said support frame and extending therearound.

Amended Claim 1 now makes it clear that the first and second area circumscribing support frame fit one against the other to form a support frame circumscribing an area therewithin and defining an article retaining channel between the first and second frame members, the channel opening into the area circumscribed by the support frame and extending therearound. Claim 9 has also been amended to delete the words "recess or" in line 4 and the redundant words "by side" in line 5.

Further, Claims 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 12, 13 and 15, all of which depend from Claim 1, have been amended to remove the word "recess" or replace it by the word "channel".

In the interview with Examiner Horton on February 24th, 2005, in describing the claim according to amended Claim 1 which applicant was requesting to be entered, it was pointed out that the cited reference Herbst did not provide an article retaining channel between the two frame members 20 and 21 and that Herbst needed four separate members to retain his window in his frames. In contrast, applicant's two

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frame members alone hold applicant's window units because applicant's area circumscribing frames fit together to form an article retaining channel therebetween which channel opens into the circumscribed area.

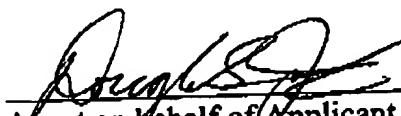
It is believed that the Examiner accepted that Herbst was not an anticipation but asked for an opportunity to discuss the matter with her supervisor. Shortly thereafter the Examiner advised that the claim would not be allowed because it could be combined with one of the other references which would render it unpatentable.

However, no other reference was cited or referred to to support the Examiner's position and it is respectfully submitted that there is no other reference showing the claimed subject matter of amended Claim 1 and there is nothing in any other reference to even suggest or invite anyone to combine it with Herbst.

To be sure that the claims as now amended are in fact entered into the case and stand before the Patent Office, applicant is requesting continued examination and is filing this amendment with the Request for Continued Examination along with a Request for a three month retroactive extension of time from the Final Action of December 20th, 2004 together with the requisite fees.

It is respectfully submitted that the application as now amended is in condition for allowance and an early allowance would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,


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